**Workforce Development Board of Trumbull County**

**Planning and Monitoring Committee**

**Thursday,**

**January 19, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.**

**IBEW**

**Members Present** **Members Absent**

Antonio DiTommaso

Eric Davis

Mark Ragozine

Melissa Maiorano

Latasha Johnson

Dale Foerster

Tia Toles

Shannon Bowser- Delegate

**Guests Present**

Tara Stanyard, OMJ Supervisor

Dimitri Liogas, WDB Executive Assistant

Kim Barrell, OMJ Administrator

William Turner, WDB Executive Director

Committee Chair, Eric Davis called the meeting to order followed by roll call with quorum in attendance. Mr. Davis requested a motion to accept the October 20, 2022 minutes as written and sent via email.

Motion: By Mr. DiTommaso to accept, the October 20, 2022 minutes as written and sent via email.

Second: by Mr. Ragozine

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Result: Motion Carried

Mr. Davis deferred to staff for their reports on agenda items.

**RESEA- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment Program**- Mrs. Stanyard provided an update of the Unemployment program. Mrs. Stanyard reports that there has been an uptick in RESEA sessions she attributes to seasonal employees. OMJ is meeting its performance measures and Debbie Bruno is doing a great job facilitating the program.

**Fresh Start Grant**- Mrs. Barrell provided an update on Fresh Start Grant activities. Mrs. Barrell reports that the second Opioid Employer Forum is in the planning stage and is procuring a location and speaker for the forum. In addition, Mrs. Barrell reports that they have received a lead to possible disaster relief employment with our partner Flying High.

**Ohio To Work-** Mrs. Barrell updated the committee on the outcome of the program. Mrs. Barrell reports that the Grant period ended 12/31/2022. The OMJ Center received $79,438.94 dollars in base funds and incentives. Ms. Maiorano added that during the wrap up meetings they were able to confirm that over 34 thousand individuals were served, through all partners and activities.

**COVID 19 Employment Recovery National Dislocated Grant update**- Mrs. Barrell reports that the Grant will end June 30 2023. The agency continues to look for eligible participants, yet difficulties persist.

**Business Resource Network Grant**- Mrs. Stanyard provided an update on the BRN Grant. The BRN representative, Derek Rieser, is doing very well and reaching out to various employers throughout the County. Mr. Rieser is making approximately 25-30 employer contacts each month.

**RETAIN Update-** Mr. Liogas provided an update concerning the RETAIN program progress. Mr. Liogas reports that Phase II of the grant is active. Mercy Health continues to spearhead the effort and continues its patient enrollment efforts as well as employer outreach. DOL will be visiting the Ohio RETAIN team in April.

**Expenditures and Enrollments**- Mrs. Barrell reported the final expenditures for PY 2022 (7-1-2021 to 6-30-2022): 70 ITA’s, over $400,000.00 / 16 OJT’s, over $200,00.00. Also, PY 2023 to date, 38 ITA’s, over $248,000.00 / 13 OJT’s, over $123,000.00, and 3 IWTP contracts.

**Local Monitoring**- Mr. Liogas reported that PY 2023 monitoring will be starting in February. Monitoring will include vendor monitor and a case file review.

**Miscellaneous**

Mr. Turner announced that OMJ Trumbull WDB certification is due in February. The Board is certified every two years.

Mrs. Barrell stated that the OMJ Partner MOU will be starting in the near future. This year’s negotiations will be for a two-year period to coincide with WIOA funding.

Mrs. Stanyard announced that the OMJ Center will be holding 3 hiring events for employers in the near future.

**2023 Meeting Dates** – Quarterly meetings will be held on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.:

January 19, 2023, April 13, 2023, July 13, 2023, October 19, 2023

Respectfully submitted by: Dimitri Liogas WDB Executive Assistant